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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Pastor Glenn Livingston, New Dimensions Christian Center, Decatur, Illinois. Pastor Livingston.

PASTOR GLENN LIVINGSTON:

(Prayer by Pastor Glenn Livingston)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Radogno)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

If I could have your attention for one minute. I've got some very, very good news. I'm very happy to report that Senator Maitland has -- doing much, much better. He's gone from critical to serious. He's communicating with his family. So it looks like it's on the right track and things look very bright for our dear friend, Senator Maitland. Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, November 28th, 2000.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to move the approval of the Journal just read. There being no objections, so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports House Bills 1511 and 3841 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Peterson, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports House Bill 1991 Do Pass.

Senator Klemm, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports House Bills 851 and 3615 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Resolution 214 Be Adopted, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 3612 Be Adopted.

Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary {sic} (Education), reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 74 Be Tabled by the Sponsor.

And Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports House Bill 50 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Resolution 436 Be Adopted; and House Bill 2970 Do Pass.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

We've had a request from Randy Squires, a photographer with the Associated Press, to take pictures today. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, have there been any motions filed?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Yes, Mr. President. You filed a motion with respect to House Bill 861, and Senator O'Malley has filed a motion with respect to House Bill 3838.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, the Chair requests that these motions be printed on the Calendar. So ordered. Now, if we could have your attention. Senator Bowles is going to introduce a State Champion soccer team from her district. Senator Bowles.

SENATOR BOWLES:

As President Philip previously stated, this is the Edwardsville High School Soccer Championship Soccer Team, Class AA, the State of Illinois. On November the 4th of this year, the

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Tigers went to St. Charles and they played against New Lenox Lincoln-Way at Downers Grove South Tournament. The battle ended with a 4 to 1 victory over their opposition, and the first State Championship. The Tigers ended the season with the best record in their history: 25 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie. It's my pleasure to introduce the members of the Edwardsville High School Championship AA Soccer Team, and -- and their coach, Mark Heiderscheid.

COACH MARK HEIDERSCHIED:

(Remarks by Coach Mark Heiderscheid)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Philip, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1(a), I move the sponsorship of Senate Bill 851 be changed from Senator Maitland to Senator Dudycz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

That motion is -- in order, and Senator Philip has moved to change the sponsorship of Senate Bill 851 from Senator Maitland to Senator Dudycz. Without objection, so ordered. Senator Madigan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR R. MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purpose of an announcement, that the birthday cake has arrived and it's down in the well. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Well, it's a day-old cake now? Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

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House Bill 4738.

Passed the House, November 28th, 2000.

Another Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to adopt the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 487 and requests a Second Committee of Conference to consider the differences between the two Houses in regards to Amendment No. 1.

Action taken by the House, November 29th, 2000.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Parker, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR PARKER:

For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

State your point.

SENATOR PARKER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have with me today some constituents. Up in the balcony, Bob Tarun and John O'Connor, and then Tyler Tarun and Bridget O'Connor are here on the Floor with me. Please welcome them to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Will our guests please rise? Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Glad to have you here. Senator Munoz, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

With us here today, I have two friends from Chicago. One is Area 4 Deputy Chief Dennis Lesniak of the Chicago Police Department, also Senator Dudycz's former boss. He's currently --

currently he's also a full bird colonel in the Marine Corps, in the Reserves. With him is Glen Young {sic} (Ford) from Selective Services, who's also a colonel. If we can wish them -- here in the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Very good. Will our guests please rise? Glad to have you here. Thank you for what you do for our City and our country. Introduction of Bills, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1978, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 453, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

And Senate Resolutions 454 through 457, by Senator Noland and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Consent Calendar. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message for the Governor by Charles Woodward, Director of Legislative Affairs, November 29th, 2000.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 91st General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named

persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

In regard to Senate Bill 487, without objection, the Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference committee on those reports just read by the Secretary. Leave is granted. Remind the Members that the birthday cake for Patty Schuh and Bob Madigan is down here in the well on the Republican side. So those of you who would like to partake, certainly are welcome to do so. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Mr. President, could you give us some idea of what we might be doing? A lot of Members have been asking. I just was curious as to what the schedule looks like.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

We've got several orders of business we need to do here. We understand Rules Committee will be meeting, and just hang in there with us. Senator Klemm, the Chair wishes to pursue on page 2. We're just wanting to know if you will be prepared. If we could

have the attention of the Body, it is our intention to go to page 2, under House Bills 3rd Reading. Senator Klemm wishes to return House Bill 3612 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. He seeks leave of the Body to take that bill back to 2nd Reading for the purpose of the amendment. Is there any objection? Hearing none, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3612. I'd like to just ask the Membership -- I know there's a lot of conferences going on. Maybe we haven't done as much business as you would like, at this point, but we're going to start. So if the Members would just be in their chairs and the conferences be taken off the Floor so that we could proceed in an orderly fashion. Thank you for responding to that plea from the Chair. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Klemm.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 3612 amends the

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act, and we've added one more provision for Hoffman Estates. It's met their criteria of -- the city, the village, the Metropolitan's -- Reclamation District all approve it; they all support it. There's no opposition. I ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. We have distributed Supplemental Calendar No. 1. They should be on your desks, dated Wednesday, November 29th. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures assigned: Refer to the Committee on Insurance and Pensions - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 851; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 1511, Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 3619, Senate Amendment 1 to House Joint Resolution 19, Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 487, and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Joint Resolution 74.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

We will now go to the Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Should be

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on everyone's desks. First bill is House Bill 50. Senator Rauschenberger. Senator Rauschenberger, with leave, would be handling that for Senator Maitland. Leave is granted. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 50.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

The Committee on Environment and Energy adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senator Myers? House Bill 851? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 851.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1511. Senator Munoz? Senator Munoz on the Floor? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1511.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Munoz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Munoz.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Technical amendment -- technical amendment, and that was recommended by the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

I'm sorry, Senator. Would you just repeat that? I don't think your microphone was on for that entire time. Senator Munoz, would you please repeat? Would everybody please take your conferences off the Floor? We're -- the Chair can't hear. The microphone wasn't on for half of your presentation, Senator, so we'd appreciate it if you would just do it again.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. It was just a technical amendment, and that was recommended by the State's Attorney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. 3rd Reading. House Bill 1991. Senator Obama? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1991.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments, Mr.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments? 3rd Reading. Pardon me. House Bill 2970. Senator Sieben? Senator Sieben? House Bill 2970. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2970.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3615. Senator Roskam? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3615.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3841. Senator Cronin. Senator Cronin on the Floor? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3841.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

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Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. On page 2 of the Supplemental Calendar, right at the bottom, is Motions in Writing for Accepting Specific Recommendations for Change. Bottom of page 2 of the Supplemental Calendar. Senator Philip. Senator Philip? House Bill 861. Do you wish that motion called, sir? Madam Secretary, please read the motion.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 861, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to House Bill 861

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Motion filed by Senator Philip.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 861, which has been amendatorily vetoed by the Governor, increases the penalty for those who commit felonies as -- of domestic violence in presence of a child. Evidently, we left something out that's technical in nature and all. I have no objections to it whatsoever. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Philip has moved to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 861. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate accept the

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specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 861, in the manner and the form just stated by Senator Philip. Those in

favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting will be open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there's 58 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. On that -- and the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 861, having received the required constitutional majority of vote of the Senators elected, are declared accepted. Senator O'Malley, on House Bill 3838. Madam Secretary, please read the motion.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 3838, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to House Bill 3838

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator O'Malley.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to accept the Governor's recommendations. The House has already done this, and there's complete agreement with all interested parties around this legislation. I appreciate your consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator O'Malley has moved to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 3838. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Any discussion? The question is - if there's no discussion - shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 3838, in the manner just stated by Senator O'Malley. Those in

favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all
voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?

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Take the record. On that question, there's 58 voting Yes, no
voting No, no voting Present. The specific recommendations of the
Governor as to House Bill 3838, having received the required
constitutional majority of the Senators elected, are declared
accepted. We're back to the Order -- on the regular Calendar,
page 2. In the middle of the page, under House Bills 3rd Reading,
is House Bill 3619. Senator Peterson wishes the bill returned to
the Order of 2nd -- Reading - excuse me - for the purpose of an
amendment. Senator Peterson seeks leave of the Body to return
House Bill 3619 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an
amendment. And hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the
Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3619. Madam Secretary, are
there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Peterson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment 3 adds the Village of Lyons, the Village of Barrington; removes the Village of St. Charles. Both the Village of Lyons and Barrington were in the -- the original legislation. We took them out in a committee amendment because they were negotiating for a reduction of the area that they were going to use the quick-take in. They've reached an agreement and this -- this amendment reflects that agreement, and I ask for your support on Amendment 3.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

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No further amendments adopted {sic}.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. We're going to go to the regular Calendar, page 7, Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. Page 7, regular Calendar, Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. House Joint Resolution 19. Madam Secretary...

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Joint Resolution 19.

There are no committee amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Have there been any Floor amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Amendment No. 1 to House Joint Resolution 19 corrects the dates to reflect that we're passing it this November, rather than in the spring of this year. I'd appreciate its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

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Senator Rauschenberger, do you wish your resolution called?
Madam Secretary, read the resolution, please.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House -- House Joint Resolution 19.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
House Bill -- Resolution 19, as amended, requests -- or requires
the Board of Higher Education to study the use -- to study the use
of adjunct faculty or nontenure-track faculty in our universities
and to report back to us about how many they're using, what kind
of relative wages they're being paid, and what they think the
implications are. I'd appreciate its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not,
Senator Rauschenberger moves for the adoption of Resolution --
House Joint Resolution 19. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed,
Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Senator Cronin,
on page 7, Secretary's Desk, Senate Joint Resolution 74. Madam
Secretary, please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 74, offered by Senator Ronen {sic}

(Cronin).

There are no committee amendments adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Cronin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 was a -- sort of a negotiated compromise between the Minority Spokesperson, Senator Madigan, and I. It provides for the denial of waiver requests in three school...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Excuse me, Senator Cronin. I'm sorry. But let's -- let's take, once again, our conferences off the Floor. We'd like to have a little order so Senator Cronin can be heard. There will be discussion on this resolution. Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

The -- the sum and substance of this amendment are three provisions, two of which deal with school districts -- or affect -- or are waiver requests by school districts in Senate districts represented by Senator Shadid and Senator Philip, as well as Senator Bob Madigan. Two of the requests have to do with school calendars. School districts wanted to waive certain provisions of the school calendar, have the children in school less time so that they could afford more time for a -- teacher conferences. We thought that that was inappropriate. You don't want to shortchange the children. If you want a school conference, have it in addition to the days that are required. And then, secondly, there is a provision in here that affects North Pekin school district, and they were seeking to permit students from outside the school district to attend their school at a reduced tuition rate, and that was objected to by the State Board, as well as other Members of the Committee. So that's the sum and substance of the amendment. I'd be happy to answer any questions. Ask for your favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Lisa Madigan.

SENATOR L. MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. We are essentially in agreement in terms of this resolution regarding the school waiver requests and what Senator Cronin stated. I would just like to add that, in addition, there have been some objections brought up in terms of the physical education -- in terms of the physical education waiver requests, that some of these are renewals, and in terms of not having adequate facilities, that the school district should actually look at doing something in terms of making those improvements, as opposed to every five years asking for another waiver in this. In addition, we are looking at legislation regarding the substitute teacher issue and hope to have something that we'll move ahead to eliminate the constant waiver requests that we get on this issue. And so I would ask for people's favorable consideration of this as well. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Further discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Cronin, we're just going to proceed now with the resolution. Madam Secretary, please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 74.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you. We just had a discussion of the content of the -- of the -- of the bill, the resolution. Just want to remind my

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colleagues, if I may, that this is our commitment to local control. This is our commitment to -- to the -- the philosophy that schools ought to be able to decide how to determine their own destiny, make decisions for themselves. And the overwhelming majority of the waiver requests that were put to us have been granted by our inaction. We asserted ourselves on only these three, and I believe there was over fifty-eight requests that came to us. So I ask for your favorable consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? On that record, there are 58 -- take the vote, Madam Secretary. On that roll call, there's 58 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. And the resolution is adopted. Senator Madigan, Robert Madigan, for what purpose do you rise,

sir?

SENATOR R. MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purpose of an announcement, that the Senate Insurance and Pensions Committee will meet in one hour, or as soon thereafter after adjournment as practicable, on House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 851.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Point of personal privilege. On the Democratic side of -- in the upper gallery, is one of my constituents, a State Representative-Elect, Annazette Collins, and I would like the Senate to acknowledge our State Representative-Elect, Annazette Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Representative Collins, welcome to Springfield. We look forward to serving with you. Congratulations. Senator del Valle,

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for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Point of -- point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

State your point.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

We also have with us Representative-Elect Cynthia Soto, from my legislative district. Let's welcome her.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Very good, Representative. Congratulations to you also. Are there any other newly elected Representatives in the gallery that would like to be recognized? Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

We just had the Speaker over here. I guess he's got nothing else to do over there. He came over to push our buttons, I guess. He left.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

We always welcome the Speaker to the Floor of the Senate. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege. I'd like to introduce to the Body a -- a young man who attends one of the Chicago public schools in my district, which is Vanderpoel Elementary School. And when I served -- I met him when I served for Principal of a Day, a program that the Chicago public schools puts forth to get executives and people into school. This young man is a Junior Achiever. He is Redrick Taylor III. He -- he wants to be a politician, he say. He wants to take my place. So -- and so I invited him and his family to Springfield. He's serving as an Honorary Page. But when we -- when we talk about schoolchildren and -- and all to often you hear

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bad, but you never have an opportunity to see the good that's coming out of the schools, and this is a young man, a clear example of such. He's a Junior Achiever. He's a renowned speaker. He's here with his mother, his sister, his pastor and friends. And he's done an outstanding job. So I just want you to meet a future leader, a future Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Jones, maybe we can arrange for a recount in your district. We have requests from WLS-TV to televise the proceedings. They are asking for permission. Permission is granted. We will now go to the Order of Senate Calendar, Supplemental Calendar No. 2. They should all be distributed. Under Conference Committee Reports, we have Senate Bill 487, sponsored by Senator Syverson. Unfortunately, there is a typographical error. It is the First Conference Committee Report, not the Second Conference Committee Report, that's -- that you have before you. It is actually the First. A typographical error. Senator Syverson. Madam Secretary, would you please -- do you have on file a conference committee report on Senate Bill 487?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes, Mr. President. First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 487.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This, as you stated, is the First Conference Report. I would like to go to a Second Conference Report, and so I would ask for a Present or a No Vote on this First Conference Report.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Conference Committee

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Report on Senate Bill 487. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 8, Nays are 28, Present 17. The Senate -- the Conference Committee Report is not adopted and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Obama, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR OBAMA:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

State your point.

SENATOR OBAMA:

We have a guest on the Floor that I'd like everybody to have a chance to meet. This is a former alderman in part of my district, somebody who has done an outstanding job at the local level and has now taken over the Chicago Housing Authority, Terry Peterson, somebody who anybody who has had any associations with him know is -- is somebody who really is on the case, works hard, does not make a lot of noise out there but just makes sure that the job gets done. So I want to get a -- a warm Senate welcome for Commissioner Terry Peterson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Commissioner, glad to have you here. Welcome to Springfield and the Illinois Senate. Senator Lisa Madigan, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR L. MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. On that last vote, I had attempted, like our good friend Wendell Jones has in the past, to hit my button, and I failed to apparently hit it. I would like to be recorded as voting No. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Record shall so reflect. CLTV News has request permission to

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videotape our proceedings. Is there any objection? Hearing none, permission is granted. We are now on page 8 of the Calendar. Back to the regular Calendar, page 8. Top of page 8. In the Order of Concurrence is Senate Bill 1281. Madam Secretary, please read the motion.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1281.

Motion filed by Senator Myers.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill we passed last Session and it has to do with the Agricultural Fair Act. Subsequently, there were two amendments that were filed that I'm agreeing to. The first one makes some technical changes to the bill from the Department of Agriculture. It includes clarifying that other expenses directly related to the operation of the fair and approved by the Director may be paid from the Agricultural Premium Fund. In addition, Amendment 2 allows 4-H organizations to provide prizes comparable to the monetary premiums currently authorized for members' exhibits. This was requested by the City of Chicago, with some concerns that they had. I would just ask for an affirmative vote for this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? This is final action. If not, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1281. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. The Senate does concur in House

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Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1281, and having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We have a request from the Chicago Tribune. George Thompson, photographer, would like to take still pictures of the proceedings. Is there any objection? If not, permission is granted. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures assigned: Refer to the Committee on Environment and Energy - Senate Joint Resolution 77; to the Committee on Executive - Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4659; Be Approved for Consideration - Conference Committee Report 1 to

Senate Bill 168; and Re-referred from Environment and Energy to the Rules Committee - Senate Joint Resolution 77.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Senate Executive Committee will be having their meeting in Room 212 at ten minutes after 3. In Room 212, one hour from now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Thank you. We will now be going to page 2 of the regular Calendar. Page 2 of the regular Calendar. House Bills 2nd Reading. Senator Radogno, on House Bill 4347? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 4347.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 458, offered by Senators Emil Jones, Demuzio and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 459, by Senator Sullivan. They're both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

And Senate Resolution 460, offered by Senator Watson. It's substantive.

Senate Resolution 460 - I beg your pardon - the -- the sponsorship on that is Senator Philip.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

We have effectively concluded our business, but only for now. We will recess to the call of the Chair, but I just want to make a strong plea to those Members to stick around because there will be a good chance there will be substantive action when we return. But that will be at the call of the Chair. Senator Robert Madigan.

SENATOR R. MADIGAN:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. I just want to remind the Members of the Insurance and Pensions Committee to meet in Room 212 for consideration of House amendment to Senate Bill 851. We'll meet immediately in Room 212.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Senate will come to order. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Robert Madigan, Chair of the Committee on Insurance and Pensions, reports Senate Bill 851, the Motion to Concur with

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House Amendment 2 Be Adopted.

And Senator Klemm, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4659 Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Hawkinson moves that the Senate stand adjourned till 9 a.m., Thursday, November the 30th, 2000. Senate will stand adjourned.

